



The Cleveland Museum of Art

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THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART TO RING BELLS IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL AIDS AWARENESS DAY, DECEMBER 1, 1993

Wednesday, December 1 is International AIDS Awareness Day. On that day, over 400 museums, galleries, and other arts organizations around the world are holding events and programs in response to the AIDS crisis, which has taken a particularly harsh toll on the arts community.

One of the early demonstrations of the art world's concern about the crisis was A Day Without Art, in which arts institutions called attention to empty stages and bare walls as a way of remembering those members of the community who had died or were too sick to continue with their work. That solemn acknowledgment of continuing loss is a constant theme in the arts community's commitment to fighting AIDS. Many institutions choose to cease their normal activity for a day, or to convey in some other way what the world might be like were it to lose its artists, great and small.

On Wednesday, December 1, The Cleveland Museum of Art participates in AIDS Awareness Day with an all-day observance from 10 am to 9:45 pm. Volunteers stationed in eight strategic locations around the Museum galleries will simultaneously ring bells every 10 minutes, matching the pace of AIDS deaths in this country. The bells are of many different designs, representing diverse cultures. The project is coordinated by the Museum's Department of Education and Public Programs. For additional information, call Cavana Faithwalker at 421-7340, ext. 491.

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